Thermal power plant at Rajghat (New Delhi)

934. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a new thermal power plant at Rajghat (New Delhi);

(b) if so, what will be its capacity and the capital investment; and

(c) how much time will be taken to complete the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) Two Thermal Units, each of 67.5 MW, based on coal, in partial replacement of old Units of the Rajghat Thermal power Station, are proposed to be set up by the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking at an estimated cost of Rs. 159 crores. The first unit is proposed to be commissioned in 33 months from the date of placement of orders and the next six months thereafter.

Closure of Bokaro, Bhurkunda, Sauda and Giddi collieries

935. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bakaro, Bhurkunda, Sauda and Giddi collieries of CCL are facing closure next year if further developmental work is not taken up; and

(b) if so, what the Government propose to do in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Bokaro, Bhurkunda, Sauda and Giddi collieries of Central Coalfields Limited are not facing closure. Developmental schemes aimed at enhancing the life of all these collieries are being taken up.

Prices of Petrol and Diesel

936. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Petroleum Traders Association had been repeatedly urging the Government to bring down the prices of petrol and diesel; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(b) what is the present cost of production of petrol and diesel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Generally the representations from Traders are for increased commission and not for reduction in prices.

(b) Petrol and Diesel are only two items out of several other items produced out of crude oil. In addition, there are several imported products also. All these costs are taken into account in fixing the ex-storage prices of these products as under:

Petrol	Diesel
Rs. 6369.07/KL	3007.55/KL

Production of high grade coal

937. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether USSR is helping in the development of coal-mines in the country with new technoloby to increase the production of high grade coal; and

(b) if so, which are the coal fields which are being developed by the USSR Government; what are the terms and conditions on which USSR is developing the coal-field?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.